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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Dear Commissioner:

This paper responds to the First Office Action in this patent application mailed May 22, 2000. Please find enclosed a Petition to extend the response deadline by two months, a Terminal Disclaimer, and the requisite fees. Please reconsider the application in light of the following remarks set forth below.